



Foggy Bottom News

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FBA MEETING Monday, September 25 8 pm St. Paul's Parish House 2430 K Street, NW Two Interesting Topics

Preston A. Englert, Jr.
from the American Heart Assn.
John M. Brophy from the
D.C. Department of Transportation
See "A Program With Something for Everyone"
for more details

A Program With Something for Everyone

by John Landgraf

The monthly meetings of the Foggy Bottom Association are an important part of living in a delightful and stimulating urban community. They are open to FBA members and other residents who want to learn more about their city life as active participants. The meetings are held evenings from 8:00 P.M. until 10:00 the last Monday of each month at the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street. Program agenda include local business of the Association, invited speakers on special topics, and discussions of local issues. They provide a channel for neighbors to meet each other over the coffee served by volunteers at each meeting.

The meetings planned for this coming year will introduce featured speakers on a variety of subjects calculated to supply a community-centered view of the whole city and its resources. At times programs will move to several speakers, or to panel discussions on urgent issues.

The first meeting, on September 25, will offer two speakers, one on a vital health topic, and the other on the City's program for controlling on-street parking by non-residents.

The health topic is an introduction to the American Heart Association and its program to expand lay participation in emergency help to sudden heart attack victims—a major category of possibly avoidable personal disasters. Called Heart Saver, the program trains interested volunteers in a procedure called CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and it is already credited with saving the lives of large numbers of people across the country. The speaker will be Mr. Preston A. Englert Jr., Associate Executive Director of the Nation's Capital Affiliate of the American Heart Association. He comes from Louisiana State University and from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was director of the Heart Association's chapter until 1976.

The other speaker, John M. Brophy of the Parking Division of the District of Columbia's Depart-

ment of Transportation, will report on the continuation of the Residential Permit Parking Program which has now been in effect in parts of Foggy Bottom for over a year. Permits issued in September, 1977 are now being renewed for 1978-79 and Mr. Brophy will offer information on application, renewal and other details of an expanding effort to make our lives easier.

The October 30 FBA meeting will turn to our District of Columbia Delegate to the House of Representatives, Walter E. Fauntroy, who was unopposed in the primary voting early this month and is thus assured of election in the November 7 General Elections a few days after the FBA meeting. In the memory of old residents, this will be Congressman Fauntroy's first appearance at a FBA meeting.

The FBA meeting on November 27 will introduce Foggy Bottom resident Oleg Lobanov, Managing Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, who will provide insights into one of the outstanding aspects of our community life.

Watch the Foggy Bottom News for further details on what promises to be an exciting series of FBA meetings this year.

Help!

Help! We're looking for people to work on the Foggy Bottom News. We have a completely volunteer staff to publish the paper you receive on your doorstep each month. Have any interesting news or photos you would like to share with us? We are always looking for new people to write for the paper. If you hear of someone or if you are interested, please give us a call. We can give you a few ideas and you probably have some ideas for us. Our hard-working advertising manager needs help with the ads. Any one who has a few extra hours and would like to help out (and Mel could sure use some), please contact Melvin Ogden. For anything editorial, drop a line to Maureen Holscher, the editor. We're waiting for lots of responses.

As the recently elected President of The Foggy Bottom Association, I wish to thank those of you who have expressed your confidence in my ability to lead our Association during the ensuing year. With the assistance of a talented group of Officers, Directors and working members, I am confident that we can meet the challenges of the 1978-1979 season.

In my comments for this initial issue of The Foggy Bottom News, I will mention only five or six items which continue to be of great concern to our members. Other areas, some equally important, will be covered in subsequent issues.

Membership and Meeting Attendance

The importance of increased membership and improved meeting attendance cannot be over emphasized. When we approach the City Council or the other agencies of Government to present Association proposals we are frequently asked, "How many people do you represent?" Bob Charles, our Membership Committee Chairman, understands our need in this area. He will be working with his committee to explain the importance and advantages of FBA membership to as many of the non-members in Foggy Bottom as possible.

The improvement of meeting attendance involves keeping in touch with community needs and interests, selecting informed and accomplished guest speakers and the effective control of discussion and debate during the business portion of each session. John Landgraf, Chairman of the Program Committee, and I will work together on this item.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)

The ANC is an official extension of the municipal government charged with the responsibility for citizen input to the City Council and the various other subordinate administrative agencies.

Two steps can be taken which we believe will help ANC in the discharge of its obligations. First, the FBA can augment citizen input to the ANC which now comes largely from those who attend ANC meetings, write to the ANC, or make personal contact with Commissioners. To accomplish this, the FBA can prepare and present to the ANC position papers on selected matters of community concern which will reflect the official position of the FBA on such matters as zoning, condominium-hotel conversions, the availability of affordable rental housing, ABC Board matters, air and noise pollution traffic control, etc.

Secondly, FBA members should be fully informed about the day-to-day actions and decisions of the ANC. Frequently, they are of vital importance to each and every citizen. The ANC generally concurs in this view and negotiations are now in progress which will increase the number of pages in the FBA News from 4 to 8 and will allocate half a page or more of the News to cover

ANC activities. If certain pending questions can be resolved, you will see the impact of this decision in the issue you are currently reading.

Rental Housing

The adverse effect of condominium-hotel conversions in the Foggy Bottom area has been severe, primarily for elderly and long-time residents. We must continue to work on a means to alleviate the problems associated with this activity.

New West End

The development of the area north of Pennsylvania Avenue running east from 26th Street, sometimes referred to as the New West End, may bring eleven thousand people into the Foggy Bottom area. Housing accommodations and commercial facilities will be diverse. We must move quickly to inform these new people of our concerns for what may be termed the Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom, Georgetown complex. Many will understand and share our views on maintaining this area as a primarily residential community. Working together will provide the only hope for achieving this goal.

George Washington University

We have in the heart of our community a renowned institution of higher learning. Like every other university community we have had some "town-gown" problems of minor nature. However, our principal concern has been the University

as a land developer. Many of our members are so deeply disturbed about what has taken place over the years with respect to tearing down houses with varying degrees of historical interest, and the displacement of long-time and elderly residents that we have been virtually unable to establish the type of working relationship that would be of mutual benefit to the University and the Association. Hopefully, this problem can be given reasoned consideration in the coming year.

Cultural and Recreational Programs

Programs of the recreational and cultural type such as the October Fest, Spring Fling, boat trips, art exhibits, flower shows, and tours to various points of interest do a great deal to bring together the members of our Association. Dick Palco, Chairman of the Social and Public Relations Committee, is working on putting together a social program for this year.

Finally, we need your help to make the 1978-79 year a successful one. Be active. Attend meetings. Express your views. If you have not joined the Association, please use the form appearing elsewhere in the paper to become a member. It should be sent along with your five-dollar check to our Treasurer, Mel Ogden, whose address is shown.

We will look forward to seeing you at our first Association meeting for the season on Monday, September 25.

Al Cottrell

What You Missed Last Meeting

June 26, 1978

At our final Foggy Bottom Association meeting of the 1977-78 year, elections were held for Officers and Executive Board Members to serve during the 1978-79 year. Next year's Officers will be:

PRESIDENT—Alfred COTTRELL
VICE-PRESIDENT—John LANDGRAF
SECRETARY—Anne LOMAS
TREASURER—Mel OGDEN

The elected Executive Board will be:

Pamela MACK, Mary HEALY, Marthlu BLEDSOE, Ellie BECKER, Jon NOWICK, Ken DURHAM, and Howard FELDMAN.

The non-elected members of the Executive Board are Bob CHARLES—immediate past President and Maureen HOLSCHER—FBN Editor.

In addition, Dirck HOLSCHER has consented to be the FBA Parliamentarian.

The following changes to the Association By-Laws were ratified by members present at the meeting:

1) FBA dues were raised from \$3 to \$5 per year.

2) The Executive Board was expanded to include, ex-officio, the Editor of the FBN, and to add two [2] at large members to the Board. The effect was to expand the Board from 10 (4 Officers, 5 at large, and 1 ex-officio immediate past President) to 13 (4 Officers, 7 at large, and 2 ex-officio—the immediate past President and the FBN Editor).

The exact language, to be incorporated into the By-Laws which reflect the above changes will be read into the record at the September meeting.

A report was made to the membership then assembled advising that the size of the newspaper will be expanded from 4 to 8 pages (depending upon sufficiency of copy and advertisers), and that its circulation will be expanded from 4500 to 6000 copies (depending upon the availability of people to distribute the paper into areas not presently covered by the current routes).

Following the business portion of the meeting, we heard from candidates from D.C. Mayor and City Council running in the September (primary) elections.

Anne K. Lomas, Secretary

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Visitor Permits

Visitor permits must be picked up in person by going to the 1st District Police Station at 415 4th St. SW. You can go anytime, day or night. Bring your DC permit, the visitor's name, the visitor's license number and the visitor's address.

Rummage Sale at The United Church

The 8th Annual Rummage Sale will be held at The United Church, 20th and G Sts., NW, on October 4 and 5, 1978 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Luncheon, featuring German food, will be served during this entire time. Many of you now know that this sale has proven very popular every year because we have home made bake good - potted plants - clothing - small appliances - kitchen supplies - books - jewelry.

Beginning September 11, the West End Public Library will be open the following hours:

Mon. and Wed. 1:00-9:00 pm
Tues., Fri. and Sat. 9:30 am-5:30 pm
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It is located at 24th & L Sts., NW. For further information call 727-1397.

Coming Events

Foggy Bottom-West End ANC Meetings
October 3, 8 p.m., St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, NW
November 14, 8 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street, NW

West End Citizens Association Meeting—Thursday, October 26, 8 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street, NW

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, NW
Monday, October 30
Monday, November 27

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There always seems to be some bitter mixed with the sweet. For me the sweet is buying a 105 year old house with eleven fireplaces and a slate roof in another part of the city.

The bitter is leaving Foggy Bottom so worthwhile.

I plan to move in the near future and will therefore be resigning from the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, single member district #3, effective October 30, 1978.

This "early warning" letter is to provide possible candidates for my Commission seat an opportunity to talk with me, other Commissioners and the Board of Elections.

Serving Foggy Bottom as Commissioner has been educational, hard work, rewarding, frustrating and just plain fun. (And, I hope useful to the community.) I recommend it highly as an avocation.

Thank you friends, neighbors and constituents for making life in the

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
Marthlu Bledsoe

Dear Editor:

The conversion of the ALAMAC at 924 25th Street into a residential hotel should give us all cause to pause and reflect.

It is distressing because over the

past several years there have been numerous similar transfers—all of which legally are allowed by the D.C. Zoning Commission to occur with the stroke of a pen by the owner. In other words, all that an owner of a residential apartment building has to do is notify the Zoning Commission that the building will change its status into a residential hotel, a condominium or a cooperative. No public hearings are required. No weight is given to the tenant's association—if there exists any. The change in operating status is solely due to the wishes of the owner.

Since, by definition, overnight visitors in the newly named River Inn (the old ALAMAC) are transient, our neighborhood suffers doubly. First, that building was the long-term residence of many Foggy Bottom friends and neighbors—now forever lost to our community. Second, while our overnight guests may appreciate our neighborhood during their brief sojourn, they will contribute nothing to it. Neighborhood instability is the result.

To be certain, there will be other conversions. However, prior to that happening this Citizens Association should make its views known to every entity capable of bringing pressure on the Zoning Commission so that this folly is stopped.

Bob Charles

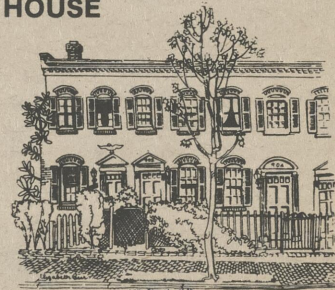


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- Oct. 3-4 Wild Strawberries; The Seventh Seal
- Oct. 5 The Ruling Class; The Night Porter
- Oct. 6-7 Small Change; Day for Night
- Oct. 8-9 The Lion in Winter; A Man for All Seasons
- Oct. 10-11 Summer Paradise; Amarcord
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Move 'em Out

by Mary E. Healy

FIRE ENGINE COMPANY #23 HAS MOVED. I hasten to add that it is only for a short time—six to twelve months—and then they will be back. #23 will be housed with Engine Co. #1 at 2225 M during their absence from their firehouse at 2119 G Street. They will take their regular runs, just as if they were at their old stomping grounds.

The physical structure of Engine Co. #23 was badly in need of updating and that is what is happening. It will be remodeled to fit in with today's needs; then they will move back.

The building was built in 1911, designed as a fire station. And from what I could see on my visit very little has changed since 1911. You can still see the marks on the wall where the fire horses used to try to kick their way out of their stalls, and kick a few firemen to boot if they weren't the "Jack be nimble, Jack be quick" type. The fire horses were stabled right in the station and it took two and sometimes three to pull the steamer.

The fire station, architecturally speaking, is of Victorian design. One of its interesting features is the 60' hose tower where in the "old days" all hose was hung to dry. Cotton and synthetic hose was the standard years ago, and you had to hang it to drain and dry (straight down) or it would rot. #23 still has some 600' of cotton hose and some polyester material hoses—polyester doesn't need hanging or drying.

The firehouse has two metal spiral staircases (each with 21 steps); they are the only ones left in firehouses in the City. And, believe me, you can't be fat and manage them! They are in daily use. They lead from the first floor to the second, where the sleeping quarters are. It is the only way the fire personnel can get to the 2nd floor unless they want to be hoisted up from outside and pulled in through the window—this is the way large pieces of equipment must be handled. The staircases will be retained in the remodeling.

There is the most beautiful brass (for sliding down) pole—talk about spit and polish; it really does shine. (The brass pole will also be retained in the updating). I was just dying to slide down that pole but I don't think Kenneth Goss, my tour guide, thought I could. While he wouldn't turn his back while I snuck in a slide he at least showed me exactly how it is done. I always did wonder how the fire fighters didn't fall off and didn't get brush (or pole) burns from all that friction going down.

The station also sports the original (1911) 12 inch brass gong which is used to call inspection. The floors in the building are the original floors. The first floor is concrete and cobble stones, and you can still see the guide tracks for the old steam engine that the horses used to pull. The station got a gasoline propelled steam engine in 1915. You can see the old hayloft where the hay for the horses was stored. The horses were stabled in the back of the firehouse and you can still see the old harness holder and what was the hayloft. In fact, all of this is just about where our present day fire fighters have their "open-all-around-on the concrete-deck ready room". The RR is just a table and some chairs practically sitting on top of the pumper. One thing for sure, I saw no frills in that fire station. It was spotlessly clean; you could eat off the floor (literally). Company personnel do all their own cleaning; everything but the laundry. That goes to Lorton Reformatory for processing.



Two other interesting items proudly displayed at Engine Co. #23 were a 1925 and a 1928 Citation (in bronze) awarded by the *Evening Star* newspaper to Engine Company #23 for leaving its quarters in 7 second flat and 6.25 seconds, respectively. These awards are not given any more but if they were #23 would have some more. EG: they would probably get one for: Being at the scene of the fire anywhere in their area within 2 to 4 minutes from the time the fire alarm was sounded. That's moving!!!

As I understand it, the outside structure of the firehouse will remain basically the same (with its interesting narrow windows and curved door frames), with the exception that the back door will be closed up. There is no longer a need for this access. There will be a slight modification in the front door to allow for more efficient operation. The original inside walls will remain and the inside structure will be reordered for more efficient operation, both for the fire equipment and for fire personnel.

Engine Co. #23 is a two-piece engine company. It has a 1959 Pirsch pumper and a 1965 Ward LaFrance wagon (both can pump water at 750 gallons per minute). I understand that the District of Columbia is the only major city that has two-piece engine companies. The wagon is the lead horse. It goes in first and tries to pinpoint the location of the fire while the pumper hooks up to the closest fire hydrant. You know, I really thought that #23 housed about 20 engines of all sorts, sizes and shapes. I see so many pieces of fire apparatus coming around my corner and I thought they were all coming from the same place, but 'tain't so.

Different fire alarms bring out different and more equipment. Some come from G Street, some from 23rd and M, some from 34th and Dent in Georgetown and some from 12th and H. Pumpers and wagons, hook and ladders, fire chief, ambulance and police—you name it. We get excellent and efficient fire coverage in Foggy Bottom. The Watergate Complex seems to bring out the whole works.

#23 makes about 60 to 80 runs per month—more in the winter months than summer. That's when we really try to warm things up. There are very few major fires in the Bottom; they are mostly trash and grease fires, smoke, automobiles on fire, grass fires, etc. On the whole we have a very fire safe neighborhood. We are fire conscious and we do not have a lot of old vacant buildings which seem to attract fires. George Washington University has a good fire record too. You would think that a large university with as many dormitories and student houses as they have would be a problem, but I understand that this is not the case. GW has its own Security Guards and they get on top of any fire before it gets out of hand. They work hand in glove with the Fire Department.

Major fires (where someone is injured or killed, or a whole office or apartment is burned out, or a whole corridor is smoked up) are, thank goodness, rare in the Bottom. The fire at the Potomac Plaza Terraces last year, where a resident was killed was a major fire. Two other fires considered major ones were a few years ago, one at Weaver Brothers Hardware at Wisconsin and M and the other at Gallagher Brothers Lumber Yard at 30th and K (just out of our Foggy Bottom Area).

There are 18 fire fighters and 3 officers assigned to #23. 5 work each shift, working a 10-hour day and a 14-hour night, with three consecutive days off. The average length of service is 10 years, with two having 20 years service. Ken Goss has 15 years service, all at #23. He came from Bay City, Michigan where he took a Civil Service Exam for his fire fighter position.

As old as the fire station is, I thought I would hear a gong sound for a fire and see a locator light up on a board to show where the fire was. It doesn't work that way—everything is computerized. Calls, or alarms, go into Headquarters where everything is put into the computer and comes out on a large tape at the engine company—and away they go, the pumper and the wagon, plus a lot of dedicated, well-trained fire fighters who are truly public servants.

Fire Captain L. R. Carpenter asked that we advise our Foggy Bottom residents that during their temporary move they can come to Engine Co. #1 at 2225 M for the miscellaneous personal services normally provided at #23—such as: registration of bicycles, blood pressure tests, and other special services provided at fire stations from time to time.

Our thanks and gratitude to our fire fighters at Engine Co. #23—to Capt. L. R. Carpenter, Lt. R.M. Reeves, Lt. W.M. Casey and all 18 fire technicians. You do one whale of a job and we in Foggy Bottom appreciate you. Some of us have been in this area since your station was first erected in 1911. We were glad to see you come then and we are certainly glad that you will be coming back to us very soon.

Information for this article furnished by Kenneth Goss, Fire Technician, and Captain L. R. Carpenter, both of Engine Company #23.

Eye Street Eye Sore 'til Spring

In response to inquiries by this paper, the George Washington University has revealed that the ugly paved-over portion of Eye Street between 23rd & 24th Streets will remain in that state at least until spring of next year.

Speaking on behalf of the University, its Assistant Treasurer, Robert Dickman, has indicated that because of a Congressional legislative layover provision in the District legislative procedures, the action recently taken by the D.C. Council, by which Eye Street was closed and title given to the University, will not become law until about February 1, 1979. Dickman has estimated that construction and landscaping of the area will begin in the spring and be completed by early summer of 1979. He has described the completed project as a "mall" which will include walkways, benches, bikeways, and security lighting with access for emergency vehicles and the handicapped.

A sketch of the completed site should be available for publication sometime in late fall or early in 1979.

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Seen A r o u n d the Bottom

by Mary E. Healy

It has been a long hot summer and, while I am not one for wishing my life away, I'm glad to see it drawing to a close (the summer, not my life). It has been too hot to regularly walk around "my beat". When I did I could see that most everyone was having the same problem—it was too hot to cut the grass or trim the bushes. And the wet spell made the grass grow out of everything—concrete, bricks, you name it.

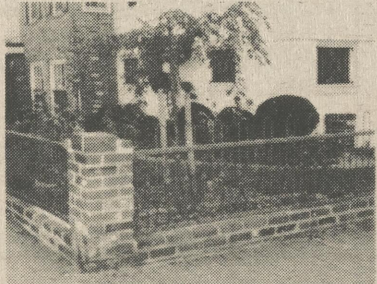
Anyway, that's behind us now and I'm sure ALL PROUD BOTTOM-ITES will NOW TAKE MOWERS, SHEARS, CLIPPERS, RAKES AND SHOVELS in hand and really tear into a CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN. Let's go—houses, apartment buildings, stores, vacant lots—the works!! On Vacant Lots—if they are all weedy and neglected, call the owner or the City and ask that they be cleaned off. For something nice, take a look at what THE PLAZA did with the corner at 25th and H; it is most attractive. WE CAN ALL DO IT.

Do you know anyone who has really KISSED THE BLARNEY STONE? I did not until recently when I met PATRICIA O'HERLIHY, Manager at THE PLAZA, 800 - 25th. Not only has she kissed it many times but at one time her family owned it (before they turned it over to the Irish Government.) Pat

O'Herlihy is a lovely and charming lady from County Cork, Southern Ireland. The blessings of Ireland were plentifully bestowed on Pat. She is interested in our community and we are pleased to have her among us.

SOMETHING NEW ADDED for our pleasure and convenience: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE recently put in a CONCRETEPEDESTRIAN PATH at the foot of Va. Ave. (at the river), going south down to the KENNEDY CENTER EXIT. Markers for a much easier stroll for those people who are timid about crossing the Parkway Drive to get to the riverside.

Recently the City cut down a diseased DUTCH ELM tree in front of the POTOMAC PLAZA. They let the stump dry out for awhile; then sent in the TREE STUMP REMOVER. What a machine—it ground that stump down to a pulp—almost to a sawdust texture. It was no easy chore; took about 1½ hours (it was a scorching hot day and I sure felt sorry for that operator with "HOT SAWDUST" flying all over him). Come this fall, we have been promised a replacement tree.



GWU had a LABOR DAY FLEA MARKET and BLOCK DANCE on G St. I hope some of you heard the music and got a chance to go. Block parties are fun; we should do more of them in Foggy Bottom.

Seymore and Ron Rich of the GOLDEN TABLE RESTAURANT (23rd and Va. Ave. in the Columbia Plaza) are doing their share to BRING DOWN FOOD PRICES. They have introduced a NEW CONCEPT IN SUNDAY DINING—a SUNDAY SPECIAL, from 4 to 8 P.M. The Special is REALLY SPECIAL; I know, I tried it. A FULL COURSE MEAL, from

appetizer, through salad, to four (4) choices for the main course, to dessert and beverage. ALL FOR \$6.95 (plus tax and tip, of course). Nowhere have I had such an excellent meal for such a low price—in a long, long time. Everything fresh, everything either properly hot or cold and quantities much more than I could eat.

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Have you ever really looked at the TREES in our neighborhood (or any other)? It struck me recently when I was talking to the City about some new trees for us, HOW MUCH LIKE PEOPLE TREES are. They each have a personality—some growing tall and proud, some droopy and resigned—defeated before they get a good start, some conforming to pattern, some radically different, some way out in front with beauty and others lagging behind.

Speaking of trees, HOW ABOUT ALL OF US HELPING THE CITY? Water and feed the City trees close to your home—it will help them (the trees and the City) and you too. You will reap many benefits from your kindness.

That FRENCH CHEF at the INTRIGUE RESTAURANT is really doing his stuff—the place is buzzing with happy and satisfied full stomachs. Recent celebrities seen enjoying the treats of CHEF BERNARD Leduc were SHIRLEY MCCLAIN and DEBORAH KERR.

WEDDING BELLS in the offing. MARTHLU BLEDSOE AND HAL DAVITT, both active Foggy Bottom Members and Area Neighborhood Commission members, are tying the knot soon. As if that weren't enough excitement they have purchased a 105 year old house in the Shaw neighborhood and are remodeling it. It has 11 rooms, 11 fireplaces and 11 foot ceilings!!! Wonder if they plan 11 kids to fill up that house. Good luck, Marthlu and Hal; you've been good Bottomites and we'll certainly miss you in our community.

Irby Wood and I were visiting the AAUW Building on business the other day and again we were both struck with the magnificence and beauty of the two SCULPTURE PANELS in MAHOGANY—depicting women. "PIONEERS IN PROGRESS" by John Rood. Women like JANE ADDAMS, SUSAN B. ANTHONY, HARRIET BEECHER STOWE and others stand out proud and strong in the sculpture just like in their real lives. The AAUW would WELCOME any and all of you to step into their lobby at 24th and G to look at these two sculptures—both 8' long, almost 4' high and 4" thick.

Have any of you noticed the OLD FASHIONED REVOLVING CEILING FAN whirling around in an apartment in The Plaza—you can see it as you walk south on 25th St. about 4 stories up. It takes you back a year or two; makes you have all kinds of fond memories. These fans are getting very popular again—they are practical and decorative.

Welcome to PAT HOUSMAN, who joined the Foggy Bottom Association almost as soon as she purchased her new home at 802 New Hampshire Avenue. Pat owns and operates ANTIQUES et CETERA INTERIORS at 2126 P.St. Welcome to Foggy Bottom, Pat; we know you will love it. It was nice to see you going to work on your yard even before you had moved in!

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Either MELITA RODECK, quick like a bunny, took all her BEAUTIFUL PEACHES in one night off her tree at 25th and H or someone did it for her (when she wasn't looking). The peaches looked so pretty that I vowed to knock on Melita's door and ask her for one. Alas, when I got up enough nerve they had disappeared. Hope you got them, Melita.

Did anyone else see the lady strolling down Va. Ave. one lovely sunny day with an OLD FASHIONED TINY PARASOL just barely covering her head? Almost seemed like she stepped right out of a 1900 fashion magazine.

The PLASTERING OF OUR LAMP POSTS, MAIL BOXES, TRASH RECEPTACLES and TREES recently with demonstration literature has, to me, been disgusting. Even one poster is AGAINST CITY ORDINANCE but the City Fathers look the other way if you come back and remove it after the event is over. But 4 to 6 signs on one mail box is too much!!! I'd like to pin point the offenders; I'd try to have them pay for nails broken while several of us have been trying to take them off. It is still darn near impossible even after they have been wet. Posters that FBAers or ANCers put up about civic events are taken down by the same people who put them up—quickly after the event.

The City finally removed the let-run-wild shrubbery from under the TREES at 23rd and 24th on Pa. Ave. (adjacent to WASHINGTON CIRCLE). It is a great improvement. Now maybe the trees can breathe and grow. Several of us have been working for sometime on this problem; ANNE LOIKOW FINALLY GAVE IT A BIG PUSH—and the junk was pushed out!

Did any of you see the Historic LENTHALL HOUSES being moved to their new location on 21st between G and F? Sorry to say I only saw it on TV. But I did go see them in place at their new location. Such engineering; supported by more iron beams and cross bars then you could count. When I saw the Houses the fronts were criss-crossed with supports to keep the bricks from caving in and falling outward. It is hard to believe that they will get it all back together again—right.

Did you know that the EMBASSY OF URUGUAY is located on F St. between 19th and 20th?

There's another new building going up at 1889 F—The GENERAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING for the ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. LOR-ETTA CHAPMAN, take note.

How many of you have ever attended any HEARINGS AT CITY HALL on matters which affect Foggy Bottom? They are really interesting, particularly if you have a stake in the matter being heard. You should go sometime; it will give you an idea of how your City works. And, if you don't like what you see and hear you can try to make some changes—that's what Democracy is all about.

DAVE MARGOLIS—'EN'S

FURNISHINGS, 22nd and G—gone but not forgotten. For our years of patronage, Dave left his thanks to all of us on a big sign in his window. We also thank Dave. Many of us remember getting our first suit at that corner. Some of you may remember Lime Greenberg and Izzy Posner, both Tailors at 22nd and G before it became Dave Margolis—Men's Furnishings. That goes back a long ways. Now that corner will be a restaurant owned by Dominiques. It will open toward the end of October. Its name—the cherry tree—open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, closing at 10 PM. They will carry hamburgers, fried chicken, pizza, health foods, frozen yogurt and the like; with seating for 60 and carry out services. The small open section of the building on the 22nd street side will be the kitchen.

Many thanks to THREE CARING AND HELPFUL CITIZENS of the Bottom. SALADA WRIGHT of the Potomac Plaza, and NORMA CALDWELL and BARBARA BERNARD. I couldn't find out where Norma and Barbara live but it has to be in our area for them to take such an interest.) Salada went out and cleaned out weeds almost taller than she from one of the Azalea plots at 25th and H and Norma and Barbara, working as a team, did the same thing. I told the City that they should put them on their payroll! Thank you ladies, we need that interest; we also need the City to pay better attention to that area and I am working on it. I've made a suggestion to them that might make it easier for them to maintain and certainly more pleasant for us to look at.

The WOMEN OF ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH are having their ANNUAL BAZAAR and DINNER (\$3.50) on November 4 from 11 AM to 5 PM. MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The bazaar will feature clothing, furniture, utensils, hand made articles, bakery items. All donations of items to sell or use at the bazaar will be welcome. St. Mary's hopes you can attend, have a good time, enjoy a good meal (if you like but eating isn't necessary) and MAKE PURCHASES. Call MATTIE SHIPPEN on 821-0484 for further details.

A few years ago POLICE CHIEF MAURICE J. CULLINANE set up a CRIME REDUCTION AWARD Program and our new CHIEF, BURTELL M. JEFFERSON has enthusiastically endorsed the program and has continued it. Chief Cullinane felt that his officers weren't sufficiently recognized for good work and that average citizen really couldn't tell how the Police Force was doing so he came up with a way of visibly letting us know.

Each quarter an award is given to the District that has REDUCED CRIME in their District the most over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. AND THEY HAVE TO REDUCE THIS PERCENTAGE MORE THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICT. That is a tough challenge!! All of the officers of the winning district are given a BLUE AND GOLD RIBBON with a single gold star the first time they win the award. Each subsequent time they win they get another star. The ribbon is worn over their right breast pocket. Foggy Bottom is in the Second District and our officers have WON THIS AWARD TWICE since it was instituted a short time ago.

LARRY QUIMBY noticed these ribbons, and told me about them. After finding out what they were for we are doubly proud of our officers. We, in the Bottom, have always been proud of our low crime rate; this visible sign of further reduction not only makes us feel more secure but makes us doubly proud of the officers out there are making it happen. Crime IS going DOWN in DC; let's keep it moving DOWN.

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GUEST QUARTERS 2500 Pa. Ave. A new neighbor opened with leaps and bounds in August (official dedication opening in September). Literally, on opening day six floors of this Guest Quarters (all that were finished) were occupied solid with the cast of the **LONDON BALLET** who were playing at the Kennedy Center. Opening day for anything makes most everyone dance around; it sure is a new twist, though, to invite a full cast of professionals in to help management dance a little faster. Owen J. Basil, Jr. is 2500's General Manager and he will be pleased to have you come in to see the new quarters.

GQ AT 801 NH Ave. has been a good neighbor in our community and we're certain 2500 will be the same. Incidentally Fred DeStefano, the new Manager at 801 is on board and in a conversation with him recently about our Community I was pleased to get the feeling that he had been thoroughly briefed by his home office as to our interest in keeping our community first rate.

2Our own **JACKIE COOPER** keeps **EXHIBITING AND EXHIBITING** her **ART WORKS** all over town; and getting rave notices! Her latest exhibit was at the Georgetown University Hospital. Jackie's **IMAGINARY CHARACTERS—ANIMALS** and **PEOPLE** really give you a lift. Jackie is in Geneva now visiting her family and supposedly resting but I'll bet that she will come back with a whole new portfolio of fun things. I hope that you noticed the **NEW GIRAFFE** leading off my column—that's Jackie's work. Sassy, eh?

Just before I put this article to bed I received a note from **DOROTHY BREWER**, for which I thank her. Dorothy tells me that she sees **JOHN BARDON** mowing tree spaces in the 800/900 blocks of 25th Street every other week. Also that some **DOG OWNERS ARE CLEANING UP THEIR DOG LITTER**. I, too, have seen some responsible citizens doing this, Dorothy. Hope this encourages all dog owners or dog walkers to do the same. Sometimes 25th Street is "unpassable and unbearable" in odor and sight **POODLE CHACO BREWER** celebrated his 14th **BIRTHDAY** in July, with most of his teeth, good eyes and hearing. (Wish that some of us could say the same—14 x 7 equal 98; that's the way they figure a dog's relative age to humans, isn't it?) **ROBERT D. JOHNSON**, General Manager of the **RIVERVIEW INN** (formerly the **ALAMAC**) is getting acquainted in the neighborhood.

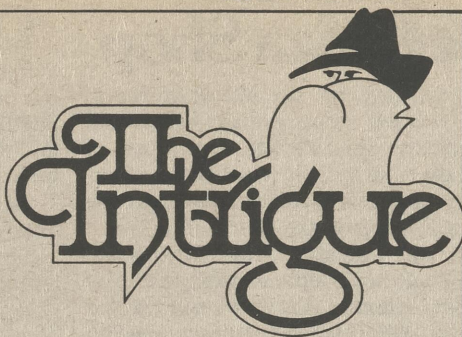
Teen-ager **DENNIS DIAVATIS** is going to help us with distribution of the **FBA NEWS**. Anyone else want to help—you will be most, most, most welcome.

And, hard to believe it, but Dorothy says so—on August 6, Mrs. **ANGELINE JAMES** of 2501 Eye St. celebrated her 115th **BIRTHDAY**. She has lived in the 2500 block of Eye for many years.

Don't forget our **OPENING FOGGY BOTTOM MEETING—SEPTEMBER 25 at 8 PM at Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street. DO COME.**

Friends of Dorothy Brewer, 828 25th Street will be sorry to hear that she suffered a fall in her home which resulted in serious injury. Dorothy is in George Washington University Hospital and Poodle Chaco is being cared for by neighbors. We hope she is feeling better.

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Long Time Residents Operate Ginza Shop

by George M. Wakiji

Native Washingtonian Mrs. Tane Sato Yoshida opened the Ginza shop, featuring things Japanese, in August 1955 at the northwest corner of 20th & K Streets, N.W. Her only son Dan was 10 years old at the time.

She began the business in the little corner building with the help of her mother Mrs. Ichi Sato. In the early years, to keep the operation afloat, she did alterations until she was able to devote full time to the shop.

Mrs. Yoshida comes from a long line of merchants whose history goes back to Japan. She recalls that her father and mother operated a gifts/souvenir shop on the boardwalk in Sea Isle City, N.J. in the early 1900's.

She grew up on 18th St., N.W. Her father opened the first of a long string of shops the district on F Street near 11th and 12th Streets. They sold Japanese kimonos which were made at home by her mother. Later, her parents operated a souvenir shop at 223 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. near the Botanic Gardens. During the big depression in the early 30's her parents moved to a larger store at 619 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. where they featured a greater variety of merchandise. It was a very difficult period as banks closed and college graduates were selling apples on the streets to survive. It was also during this period the Bonus Marchers (Bonus Expeditionary Force) marched to Washington to demand payment of adjusted compensation certificates for service in World War I. They were camped across from what is now the National Art Gallery. Hot dogs were selling for a nickel with pickles, onions and mustard and came with a napkin in a paper bag.

Frozen punch was five cents for a half pint carton, and one could purchase candies for a penny a piece. (Can't find prices like that anymore.)

After that, Mrs. Yoshida remembers her parents moving around in that part of the district and finally settling into a bigger and better store at 1237 1st Ave., N.W. in the late 30's. Two days after WWII began, FBI agents came to the Yoshida shop and wanted to take them away to an internment camp in Baltimore. They hired a lawyer who was able to keep them from being incarcerated. There were three guards who stood guard at their store and finally forced them to close up the shop. After two or three weeks only one guard remained, and they were allowed to return to work and reopen the shop.

The shop continued to operate even after her father died in 1950, until the neighborhood "got pretty rough." Soon after that her mother closed the shop.

In August 1955 Mrs. Yoshida decided to open a shop with assistance from her mother at 1006 20th St., N.W. The area at the time was bad and a large trash dump was located nearby. There were no large buildings in the area but there were wooden homes, rooming houses, and little stores. She recalls her friends saying at the time "Tane won't last long there!" It was "really tough" at the time, so she did sewing and alterations in addition to running the shop. She tried to enlist the help of her son Dan, who was ten years old at the time. "He refused to work for 10 per cent commission." She remembers telling him at the time "no work ... no eat!"

As she became busier in the store

she gave up her alteration work. Business kept getting better and better. She attributes the success of the shop to their Japanese merchandise. There weren't many Japanese gift stores in the area.

Her son, Dan, went to Richmond, Va. to begin a photography business in 1968. Mrs. Yoshida's mother died in 1970, and in 1975 she was no longer able to take care of the Ginza shop. Dan Yoshida took over the business from his mother in 1976 making him the third generation of shopkeepers in his family. He had intentions of selling the business in 1977, until increased business changed his mind. He painted the exterior of the building, made cosmetic improvements, and began to stock higher quality merchandise.

Dan remembers moving to the 20th Street location, when Foggy Bottom was mainly a slum. He remembers watching people buying old buildings and renovating them. Dan recalls playing as a child in the gutted buildings. Another favorite pastime was going fishing on the banks of the Potomac River across from what is now the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. They caught catfish which weighed 10-15 pounds. Most of his fishing companions were the black youth who lived in the neighborhood. They used to fish all night long with the night crawlers, gathered from the bushes around the area which is now the boat house.

Another childhood pastime Dan and his friends would indulge in was to take old liquor bottles and put lighted firecrackers in them. It would "scare the hell out of the canoeists" in the water near the Lincoln Memorial.

Dan remembers the large Western Market at 21st & K Streets, N.W., similar to the current Georgetown Market. Farmers would sell their produce and meat in the outer stalls on Friday's and Saturday's. He also remembers the police station on the southside of K Street between 20th and 21st Streets, and the old re-runs of American films at the Circle Theater. It was packed with kids from the neighborhood on Saturday's, a few of whom sneaked in without paying. When the Pedas Brothers bought the theater in the late 1950's they began to show foreign films. After the change, very few people used to go, but he enjoyed seeing Bergman and Fellini films. (Recently the Pedas Brothers bought the building where the Ginza is located.)

Another neighborhood landmark was the large junkyard at 21st and L Streets, where all the poor people in the neighborhood would bring their junk to sell. On certain days there would be a line 45 minutes long to get in.

Dan finds it unusual that their little shop coexists with the taller office buildings which have been built in the last 15 years. Dan has made numerous changes in the Ginza shop, primarily by stocking more high quality merchandise like Fukagawa porcelain. The largest and most complete stock of kimonos and happi coats in the Washington Metropolitan area can be found there. In addition, he has a selection of books on Japanese culture and a complete selection of Japanese designed and manufactured pottery. It is his aim to continually seek out and stock traditional Japanese patterns in merchandise. He has an inventory of over 70 different patterns of tea sets, over 50 varied patterns of sake sets, and may Japanese toys, lamps, zoris, and getas not handled by other Washington area shops.

Condo Threat

Residents of the Jefferson House, one of four Foggy Bottom apartment buildings threatened by the city granting condominium conversion certificates to their owner, the Oliver T. Carr Co., are not taking the threat lightly. More than seventy of them turned out recently to a general meeting of Jefferson House tenants held at St. Paul's Church. A number of tenants from other buildings in the area also attended.

Guest speakers at the meeting included John Hampton, from the

District's Rental Accommodations Office, Michael B. Raugh, the attorney who represented the tenants at the Alamac (which is now an "apartment hotel" called *The River Inn*), the husband of D.C. City Council member Hilda Mason, who has introduced legislation which would clamp down sharply on the conversion of District housing to non-rental use, and Jim Howard, Vice President of the Swarthmore Tenants' Association. Each of the guests spoke for ten minutes, then answered questions about tenants' rights and the city's housing laws.

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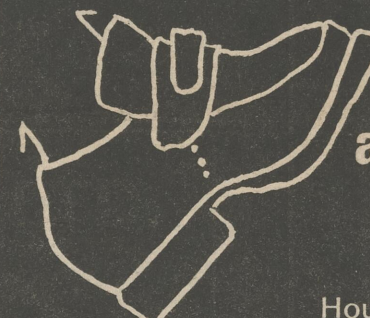
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If You Don't Ask, You'll Never Find Out

by Bob Charles
Membership Committee Chairman

[Ed. Note: There is a tale to be told in this column. It was written for those of you who are married or single, who live in high-rises or townhouses, who rent or own, who are young or old (depending on your thinking), or who otherwise find Foggy Bottom to be a "hard-to-meet" neighborhood.]

The other day I walked in Foggy Bottom on "I" Street between 24th and 25th Street carrying a recent copy of the Association's newspaper and some membership applications. I rang a doorbell, the door opened and a most charming person said "hello."

"Glad to have caught you in," I said, "How would you like to be a member of the Foggy Bottom Association for the coming year?"

She hesitated, looking at my hand-held paraphernalia, and countered, "I don't know. But since you're asking, why should I join when I get all the local neighborhood information from the Foggy Bottom News?"

"Well," I retorted, "have you considered that you get the paper for free?" She allowed that she hadn't. "Have you thought about the fact that it costs the Association some money to print and type-set the copy not to mention the volunteer hours spent on creating copy and muscle-handling the physical distribution?" I asked her.

With that brief exchange it was clear that she hadn't thought about much except that she received the paper every month. I hesitated, thinking to myself ["should I press on or let the issue drop."] Reason prevailed.

"By the way, and to continue," I said, "Do you rent or own?" She said, "Rent." "Car?" I inquired. "Yes," she responded.

"Do you park closer to your home now than you did a year ago?" I queried. "Come to think of it, I do," she said.

We talked a bit further and determined that her parents also live in the neighborhood in a long-time cooperative.

"Along that line," I asked, "Have you ever discussed taxes with your parents?" "Now that you remind me," she said, "as a matter of fact they were surprised to see them not only stay about the same as last year, but actually be reduced!"

"Is it possible, I ventured, "that the Foggy Bottom Association has helped you and your car and your parents?" "What do you mean?" said she. "Well," I began, "A while back we took out petitions, street-by-street, and finally presented them to the City Council. Now you have residential permit parking in this area. As far as taxes are concerned, we pointed out to the Council that the way the proposed law was drafted, it excluded Cooperatives for tax relief. The bill was amended to include

cooperatives and passed in that form."

"Gee," she said, "I didn't know that the Foggy Bottom Association was that involved. Maybe I will join. But, does that mean that I have to go to the meetings?" "No, you don't have to. But just out of curiosity, do you know who your Council Member from Ward II is or who on the City Council listens to us?" I queried. "No, I don't," she confessed, "but in any event I'm certain they don't know who we are."

I shook my head and said, "This may then be of some interest to you. In addition to campaign foreys, JOHN WILSON [Democrat—Ward II], MARION BARRY [Democrat—At Large], JERRY MOORE [Republican—At Large], HILDA MASON [Statehood—At Large], and DOUG MOORE [Democrat—At Large] have all come to our meetings to better understand our concerns and to help us on such matters as taxes, rents, parking and street closings, and stemming the developers as best they can. Furthermore, DOUG SCHNEIDER, the Mayor's head of Transportation, and others in the City's Administration have come to listen to our troubles and woes. "So," I concluded, "you don't have to come to the meetings, but if you're interested, the opportunity is there for you to make your views known if you want to!"

"I didn't know that," said she, "But what about the non-political and fun things?" I responded, "We have a new FBA President, Al Cottrell, who wants to have more balance to the Association's activities. Al has appointed a new Chairman of Social Activities, Dick Palco, who happens to love boat trips, art shows, dances and Oktoberfests. What we really need is people like yourself who live in and have ideas about the neighborhood, who want to meet others and who want to have more spirit in the Foggy Bottom community."

She said, "That sounds like a good idea. Can I give you five dollars or should I write you a check?" "Either is fine," I said, "but a check would be your record until you receive your membership card." "Further," I said, "MEL OGDEN, our treasurer, lives at 730 24th Street, N.W., and he would be glad to know about any of your friends who are thinking of joining so that he can drop them a note. Last, and certainly not least, just remember that the next meeting is on Monday, September 25th, at 8:00PM, in the meeting room of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 24th Street. And don't forget about the Oktoberfest October 14"

She went inside to fetch her purse, wrote her check, handed it to me and said "I'm looking forward to the meeting and the festivities at the Oktoberfest".

"Thank you," I said, "and I'm sure you made the right decision."

St. Mary's Court Topped Out

Sunday, 11 June 1978 marked the date for the "Topping Out" ceremony for St. Mary's Court, 136 unit congregate housing facility being constructed at 714 Twenty-third Street N.W.—Foggy Bottom, adjacent to St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Following the 11:00 A.M. Service, where the 111th Anniversary of the Parish was celebrated, Father John E. Wilbur and several others preceded to climb (no elevator) to the roof of the 9 story building for the blessing of the structure.

"Topping Out" ceremony has its origin in medieval times. When the shell of a building was completed to the top level, the artisans, architects, carpenters and interested friends gathered to invoke God's blessing and protection on the building and all of the work that would eventually go on within its walls. A little fir tree was placed on the top. This was the visible symbol of protection. In the forest, the fir tree's branches are so dense that a person could hide therein and be protected from passers by or evil doers. Virtually all the great cathedrals, churches and most of the homes in Europe were blessed in some similar manner. St. Mary's Court follows in this tradition.

Following the ceremony, all present went into the Parish Hall where Father Wilbur briefly spoke about the ministry of St. Mary's Court being a community effort and not just of the Parish or Diocese. It is his hope that both the Court and the Enrichment Center located in the Parish Hall will fast become a community center for activities not only for the elderly, but for the greater Foggy Bottom area residents as well. Others who addressed this grand



From left to right, Warren Allen, Alvin Gloster, John Powell, and Fr. John Wilbur.

occasion were: Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, Senior Warden of the Parish and President of the Board of St. Mary's Court; Mr. Jack Skuce of the National Endowment of the Arts; Mr. Harold Davitt of the Foggy Bottom Association; Ms. Nona Boren, Director of the Gerontology Program at The George Washington University School of Medicine; Mr. Eric Sirulnik of the Law School of G.W.U. and Mr. James Hammond of the James G. Davis Corporation.

Father Wilbur, Ms. Nona Boren, and Ms. Carol Tefft are presently planning and seeking funding for the Life Enrichment Center. This "Life Enrichment Center" at St. Mary's Parish Hall will serve as the focal point for the integration and development of programs designed to improve the capacity for independent living and the quality of life for older persons. Comprehensive

programs will include legal and social work, counseling, recreational and physical fitness activities as well as programs (for the elderly in the humanities and arts).

A unique partnership has been established between the St. Mary's Parish, The Episcopal Diocese of Washington and the George Washington University which will provide an unusual array of services and enrichment activities so as to facilitate a supportive atmosphere, thus reducing the older person's apprehension about a possible crisis and to promote a social, physical and mental feeling of well being, enabling people to function at their maximum capacity for a longer period of time apart from institutionalization. This effort will offer students, faculty and staff of GW a variety of opportunities to become involved in the field of aging. The GWU School of Medicine and Health Sciences is one of the first schools of medicine in the country to receive funding for a program to stimulate geriatric teaching in the institution while providing clinical settings specifically designed for elderly person.

WHAT WAS ONCE A DREAM IS NOW FAST BECOMING A REALITY HERE IN FOGGY BOTTOM. ST. MARY'S COURT IS HERE TO SERVE PEOPLE AND IT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL TO LEND A HELPING HAND. THE COURT WILL NEED LOTS OF HELPING HANDS, DO KEEP IT IN MIND. (Information for this article furnished by Father John E. Wilbur of St. Mary's and Irene HASKE of the George Washington University Medical Center).



Foggy Bottom Farmer

William S. Lattin

The road to happy gardening is paved with good intentions. I intend to purchase my new Daffodil bulbs in early fall, but when I delay I find that there are none to be had—the season's supply of this popular bulb is soon depleted.

Similarly, if I had looked earlier for seedling chrysanthemum plants I could have purchased the smaller plants at a lesser price and had the pleasure of growing them for autumn show. It may not be too late; try Capper's Nursery just west of Tyson's Corners on Route 7. While there, look for a bargain potted rose bush. Pot grown as they are, they can be planted at any season. With care they can be transplanted to a one-size-larger pot or wooden tub for your balcony or terrace. Avoid a much larger container for the first transplanting as the roses then may not flower for some time. With care, roses in Washington can furnish you with bouquets for your table until after Thanksgiving. The regimen for keeping our roses healthy and continuing to bloom includes a weekly spraying with a fungicide and an insecticide (Benomyl for black spot and mildew and Isotox for insects). When the last rose is cut we fertilize with 5-10-5 one week later. Stop fertilizing about October 15 in order to avoid excessive new growth before freeze-up. We also believe that cutting the roses rather than allowing them to flower on the plant stimulates the new growth that is necessary for the continued flowering.

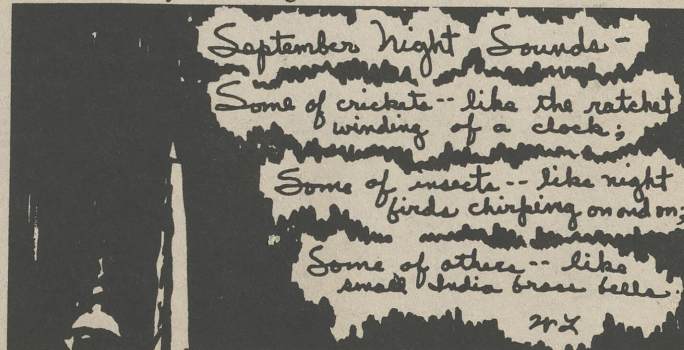
A balcony garden resembles a bouquet of flowers in that it can be arranged. When our containers of

fragrant Nicotiana look away towards the sun we sometimes turn them to face our window. For about a day all blossoms smile directly towards us, and then slowly turn away.

In a 12 inch pot we have velvety red Morning glories that climb a strand of red yarn all of the way to the ceiling. The red blossoms, green foliage and red yarn contrast with a second large pot of Morning glories trained to hang like a thick, drapery along one side of our sliding door. And so it goes; even our tomato plant that ordinarily trails along our

balcony railing is picked up and moved to the balcony table under the protecting overhang of the balcony roof when a storm approaches. The tomato is called "Sugar lump" from the sweet fruit about walnut size.

For all of these container-grown plants we have found that "bottom watering" is best—water provided by a large saucer of water in which the container is placed and from which the plant takes whatever it needs just as other plants do in the outdoor garden with its subsoil reservoir of water.



Are YOU a Member?

The Foggy Bottom Association is a non-profit citizens' association serving the Foggy Bottom area. Please fill out and mail the membership card below with your check for \$5.00 to:

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